Weekly Column for August 8, 2007

Welcome to a sporting column here in the City of Troy.

Tomorrow is the 10th Annual Mayor's Cup at Frear Park Golf Course, and I must say, for the first time since I have been Mayor, it does not look as if Mother Nature plans on cooperating. Rain is predicted throughout the day, and though the hardcore guys will certainly stick it out to the end, I am the type of person who enjoys golf on a day like today. Sunny skies, temperatures in the low 80's, and a nice breeze. Too bad I have been in the office all day

The Mayor's Cup will again benefit the Frear Park Conservancy, a not-for-profit group in the City of Troy dedicated to improving Frear Park as a whole, outside of just the golf course. They are a committed group of people, and we are very pleased to be able to support them with the proceeds from the event. As of today, there were more than 75 people scheduled to play tomorrow, though we will have to wait and see how that holds up with the rain.

Our sporting tradition continues into Monday, though this event takes place a little farther north.

Monday is the 4th Annual Troy Day at the Races at Saratoga Race Track. This race began during my first year as Mayor, and it has grown each year. I will be up there on Monday doing my mayoral duty and handing out the trophy in the Winner's Circle. There are few perks involved with this job that I do enjoy a lot.

I must encourage everyone to head on up to the track if you can and help celebrate the Troy Day at the Races.

Just one more quick note before I leave you this week, planning for the inaugural ChowderFest is ongoing. For those that don't know, the ChowderFest will take place next Saturday, August 18th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. It will be a family friendly event, and promise more details to come in next week's column.

Have a wonderful weekend, the weather should be fantastic. And hopefully I will some friendly faces on Monday.

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